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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to their duty of good faith and candor as set forth in 37 CFR 1.56(a) the undersigned brings to the Examiner's attention the references cited on attached PTO form 1449. Since of office has waived the requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(i) for submitting copies of cited U.S. Patents and U.S. patent application publications, a copy of each listed U.S. patent is not being submitted herewith.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider these references in connection with the search of the prior art required by 37 CFR 1.104.

This information disclosure Statement submitted herewith is being filed after three months of the filing date of this application or the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in § 1.491 in an international application or after the mailing of the first Office action on the merits, whichever event occurred last but before the mailing date of either (1) a final action under § 1.113 or (2) a notice of allowance under § 1.311, whichever occurs first. This submission should not be construed as an admission that these publications constitute prior art under 35 USC 102; 103.

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Respectfully submitted,



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